

Board of Directors Meeting  
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois  
March 18, 2021  
Zoom Conference Call.

**Present:** Sarah Beckman, Teresa Colgan, Jill Dashner, Laura Ekizian, Chelsea Hillman, Beth Nickel, Anna Patty, Anne Ryerson, Tracy Schwind, Jessica Kendell, Ella Rosenthal, Lily Mitchell, Tim Conlon, Theresa Dunkin, Rachel Savage

**Absent:** Andrew Abbott

**Staff:** Diane Nelson, Shelly Wells Cain, Roxie Lucas, Kelly Campion, Allison Johnson, Nikki Habben, Rachel Eisenmann

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Jill Dashner welcomed those in attendance and declared a quorum at 4:32 PM.

**Consent Agenda (action):**

Jill Dashner presented the consent agenda. Without any discussion Teresa Colgan moved to accept the consent agenda. Tim Conlon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Board Development:**

Anne Ryerson, Board Development Chair presented the incoming girl board members biographies.

**Annie Gulick, Dyersville**

Starting Girl Scouts in Kindergarten, Annie is now in grade 11 at Beckman Catholic School in Dyersville, Iowa. Annie is passionate about helping her community and through her involvement in Girl Scouts, has hosted BINGO, provided manicures, and caroled at a local nursing home. She has also volunteered at food parties and lead events for younger Girl Scouts. She has achieved the Silver Award, Bronze Award, Summit Award, Service to Girl Scouting Bar, and President's Volunteer Service Award for her commitment to making the world a better place.

Annie also works as a clerk at Dollar Fresh Grocery Store and as a waitress at Chan Garden. She is very involved at school and participates in concert and marching band, choir, musicals, dance team, color guard, art club, yearbook, school newspaper, and is a student ambassador. Annie is also a competitive gymnast and dancer!

**Ally-Anna Wheeler, Anamosa**

Ally-Anna is in her eleventh year as a proud and active Girl Scout. In addition to earning the Bronze and Silver Awards and Community Service and Service to Girl Scouts bars (Cadette and Senior), she has also received the Spirit Award. Ally-Anna was a 2020 National Delegate and currently serves on the council Girl Advisory Board. Today, she's working toward her Gold Award and Volunteer in Training.

When Ally-Anna is not at a Girl Scout event, she is likely on stage for Show Choir, Color Guard, Winter Guard, Winter Drum Line, Jazz Band, Honor Choir, Theater, or enjoying extracurricular mathematics. Yes, extracurricular.

### **Gwen Canney, Cedar Rapids**

Gwen has been a Girl Scout since Kindergarten! She is currently a GSEIWI Advisory Committee member, and has earned the Bronze and Silver Awards, and is working towards the Gold Award. She is the co-founder of the GSEIWI group, Solar Sister Astronomy Club. In 2019, her Solar Sisters team applied to a national Girl Scout program and won! Her team was flown to NASA for a week and trained there on all things astronomy. The group currently meets monthly.

Gwen is a sophomore at Kennedy high school in Cedar Rapids. One of her absolute favorite things to do is roller skate! She works at Starbucks and likes to collect pins and put them on her work apron. She has four cats, and one dog.

### **Camp Update:**

Stacy Conforti, introduced Rachel Eisenmann as the new Camp Director for Camp Liberty. Rachel presented the camp update for summer 2021.

The work for this summer at Camp Liberty has been focused on designing the operations of day to day around COVID safety and operating at 50% capacity.

- Currently we have 701 campers signed up at Camp Liberty for summer sessions.
- 280 people attending the you-and-me sessions between Camp Little Cloud and Camp El-Kee-Ta.
- Total of 981 people registered and ready to experience camp this summer.

### **Cookie Update (presentation attached):**

Marilyn Askelson presented the cookie update.

### **President Report:**

Jill Dashner, Board Chair presented the president report:

#### **Annual Meeting Overview:**

- The virtual Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom from 6:00-7:00PM.
- All attendees will use Simply Voting to vote.
- Everyone should have received an email on March 16<sup>th</sup> with a link to vote.
- Meeting Agenda:
  - 2020 Highlights
  - Vote on Board of Directors Slate
  - Close of business
- Invitations are sent to all registered members 14 and older. A quorum of 50 members age 14 and older is required to conduct a vote.

### **Leading the Way:**

April 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00

Join us to honor Champions of Girls at this virtual celebration. All community members and volunteers who believe in the power of Girls are invited to celebrate the impact of Girl Scouting across Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. We will be honoring Girl Scout volunteers who have done amazing things this year, as well as donors who make it possible for us to provide meaningful programs.

This year are G.I.R.L. recipients are:

- G = Theresa & Mike Colgan
- I = Arconic – John Riches
- R = Judy Kreiter
- L = Rachel Wheeler

Sarah Beckman has been approved for the Thanks Badge! And Jill Dashner has been approved for the Honor Pin!

### **CEO Report:**

Diane Nelson presented the CEO report.

Diane touched on the cookie program and asked the board members to think about possible members who might want to purchase cookies. If schools or organizations want to be recipients of cookies after the cookie program is over please reach out and we will get you connected.

Membership: EIWI is working hard to give every girl the opportunity to join girl scouts.

- We're at about 7,800 girls including traditional and outreach. Last year we were at about 11,000.
- In the spring we will kick off our renewal and are targeting girls entering Kindergarten.

Office Update:

- The offices are still closed and the conversation has started about opening up the offices soon.
- The staff is still working a hybrid schedule and that will continue even when our doors are open to the public.
- We will continue to do virtual programs to keep in mind the safety of our girls.

### **Thank you**

Jill Dashner, thanked the outgoing girls for their dedication and commitment to the board.

A motion was made by Theresa Dunkin to adjourn the meeting at 5:16PM. A second was made by Sarah Beckman. The motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Kelly Campion, EA.